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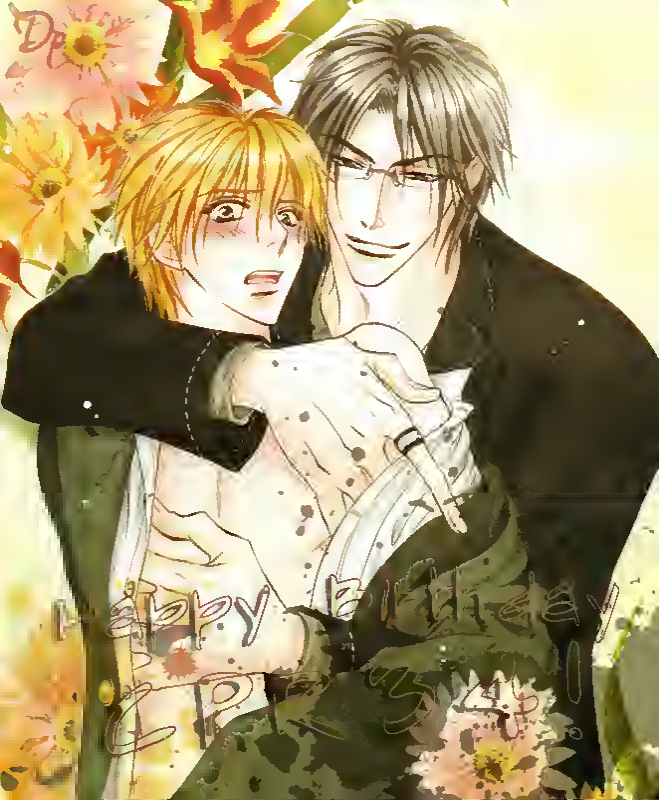
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Sweet Temptations of
a Chef's Apprentice

A SMALL FRENCH RESTAURANT, KITAGAWA, STANDS IN THE CITY
KITAGAWA-SAN! I'VE FINISHED CLEANING THE ENTRANCE-WAY!
THEN PUT THE MENUS OUT FOR ME TOO
THIS IS WHERE I WORK
SURE!
GOOD MORNING
STEP
STEP
STEP

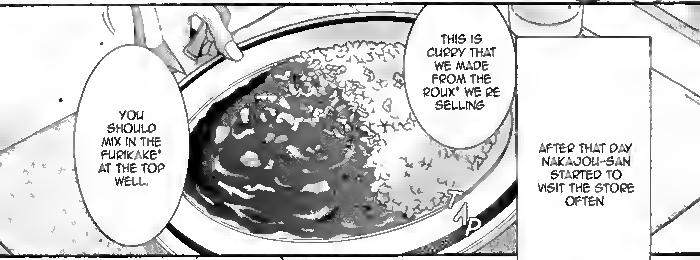
MY NAME IS NAKAJOU AKIHITO. I RECENTLY JOINED NO CREATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
I'M
WOW... SO HANDSOME!
I WAS HOPING TO SPEAK WITH THE OWNER KITAGAWA-SAN
STARE.
I'D HEARD THAT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD HAD CHANGED,
BUT WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT HE'D BE THIS YOUNG?
UM.
OH YES, THE OWNER! I'LL GO GET HIM
THANK YOU
CRAP I WAS JUST STARING AT HIM
KITAGAWA-SAN! SOMEONE FROM THE HEAD OFFICE IS HERE TO SEE YOU
OKAY

THIS STORE
THIS RESTAURANT IS SOMETHING THE OWNER CREATED AND BUILT HIMSELF
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO
HI NICE TO MEET YOU MY NAME IS KITAGAWA KEIGO I'M THE OWNER AS WELL AS THE CHEF
MY NAME IS NAKAJOU AKIHITO FROM NJ CREATIVE
THE FOOD IS EXCELLENT AND WE HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION
BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO MANAGE A RESTAURANT WHERE THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY WERE UNFAMILIAR
THAT'S WHEN NJ CREATIVE A FAMOUS FOOD-CHAIN COMPANY CAME IN AS A PARTNER
OH YEAH LET ME INTRODUCE UEHARA.

WE CHANGED HOW WE RAN THE STORE. DEVELOPED NEW MENUS. USED NEW TECHNOLOGIES. BUT NOTHING SEEMED TO HELP.
LUCKILY, WITH THE HELP AND ADVICE OF A HUGE COMPANY LIKE NJ, WE STABILIZED WITHIN A YEAR.
H-HELLO
NERVOUS
HA HA HA! UEHARA RELAX!
SHAKE SHAKE
MY NAME IS UEHARA YUUKI. I'M KITAGAWA-SAN'S ASSISTANT. NICE TO MEET YOU.
HEY
NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
HAVE YOU BEEN HERE LONG?
YES
I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, SO FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS.
OH, SO THIS IS A PART-TIME JOB?
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO ADMIT, BUT SINCE WE JUST PULLED THROUGH
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE HASTY AND HIRE ANY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES YET.
Sorry!
HAHA. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

UCHIDA KUN
ARE YOU PLANNING ON BECOMING A CHEF IN THE FUTURE?
YOU LITTLE..
IT WOULD BE BAD IF THE RESTAURANT WENT UNDER JUST BECAUSE YOU HIRED ME AS AN EMPLOYEE
HA HA HA!
I'VE ONLY BEEN A PEAL ASSISTANT FOR ABOUT A YEAR
BUT I HOPE THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO SOMEDAY

*BASE INGREDIENT FOR FRENCH SAUCES CREATED BY COOKING WHEAT FLOUR AND BUTTER


THIS IS CURRY THAT WE MADE FROM THE ROUX* WE'RE SELLING
YOU SHOULD MIX IN THE FURIKAKE* AT THE TOP WELL.
AFTER THAT DAY NAKAJOU-SAN STARTED TO VISIT THE STORE OFTEN

*JAPANESE SEASONING MIX OF DRIED AND GROUND FISH, SESAME SEEDS, CHOPPED SEAWEED SUGAR, SALT AND MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE

IT'S FRIED POTATO AND CARROT SKIN THEN I ADDED BUTTER FOR TASTE
SO THEY'RE VEGETABLE SKINS
THE TASTE OF THIS FURIKAKE IS AMAZING. ARE THEY FRIED VEGETABLES?
MM, IT'S GOOD

IN THE STORE WE CUT THE SKIN OFF THE VEGETABLES SO THICKLY, IT'S SUCH A WASTE
SO I TRY TO USE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND TAKE SOME HOME AS WELL
AND IF I DO THE STORE'S COMPOST WILL BE REDUCED,
AND MY OWN MEALS WILL BE BETTER AS WELL.
AS I THOUGHT
IS IT HARD TO LIVE ON A PART-TIME SALARY?
WELL I AM ON THE POOR SIDE.
HUH?
BUT SINCE I DON'T HAVE RELATIVES, I TRY MY BEST TO SAVE UP

MY PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS SMALL, SO I LIVED WITH MY GRAND-MOTHER
BUT MY GRAND-MOTHER ALSO PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR
I DIDN'T HAVE OTHER RELATIVES TO TURN TO, AND I WANTED TO TRY LIVING INDEPEN-DENTLY AS WELL
OH..
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LIVING BY YOURSELF
THAT KIND OF THING IS REALLY NICE

GOOD MORNING
TODAY I BROUGHT YOU SOME COFFEE SAMPLES FROM THE MAIN OFFICE
...TRY MY BEST IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
THAT MAKES ME WANT TO
HE CAN LAUGH LIKE THIS...
I ALSO HAVE TO TRY MY BEST
N-NO THAT'S NOT...
STAND
HAHA... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NERVOUS

SLURP
SLURP
OH THE TASTE AND AROMA GO REALLY WELL TOGETHER
CLINK
I POURED TOO MUCH SO PLEASE HAVE SOME AS WELL NAKAJOU-SAN.
I THOUGHT THIS COFFEE BEAN WOULD SUIT IT BETTER.
SINCE YOU ADD A FEW ORANGE PEELS TO YOUR VISCONTI,
THIS TASTES NICE WITH THE VISCONTI FROM OUR STORE.

NO WAY HALF PRICE? CAN I TRY OUT DIFFERENT SAMPLES?
WE'LL BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE COFFEE AS WELL AS SOME OTHER FOOD, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW
HA HA!
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT HERE
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SELL IT FOR HALF THE PRICE OF THAT COFFEE BEAN

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SIZE OF THIS STORE THE PROFIT MARGINS ARE GOOD
NAKAJOU-SAN, I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU DO ALL THESE THINGS FOR US
SO I WAS THINKING OF LOWERING THE PRICES A LITTLE
HUH? OH YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY

UEHARA-KUN..
OUR RESTAURANT IS THINKING OF HIRING
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURSUE YOUR DREAM OF BECOMING A CHEF THERE?
?
HUH?
HOW CAN YOU BUT I WORK FOR KITAGAWA-SAN..
YOUR CONDITIONS WILL BE BETTER THAN THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN NOW
AND I ALSO TOOK A LIKING
TO WHAT?

STEP
STEP
STEP
YOU STILL HAVEN'T GUESSED?
HUH?
!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NN..
HAA.

I'M SAYING I TOOK A LIKING TO YOU IN THIS KIND OF WAY.
REMEMBER IT
SLURP
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
HEY ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
LEAVE ME ALONE! IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

AHHH!
HE KI... KISSED ME! AND WITH TONGUE, TOO!
SLOWLY GOING -> INSANE
WHEN HE SAID HE TOOK A LIKING
DOES THAT MEAN
PITTER-PATTER
STEP
STEP
GOOD MORNING
KNOCK
AND AND...
SWEEP
SWEEP
CHIRP
CHIRP
I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS THE TYPE TO SAY SUCH ARROGANT THINGS
CHIRP
HE'S HERE! THE CAUSE OF MY PROBLEMS!
...
IS KITAGAWA SAN IN? I CAME BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THERE WERE SAMPLES FOR THE NEW MENU

KITAGAWA-SAN IS IN THE KITCHEN
FUJI
I CAN'T MEET HIS EYES
KEEPING A COOL EXPRESSION
THANKS
WHAT THE HELL?
I..
HAVE NO INTENTION OF QUITTING KITAGAWA

WELL
I WON'T GIVE UP

SURE. SEE YOU THEN.
IT'LL BE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NEXT TIME THEN.
HE'S NOT LISTENING.
UEHARA-KUN...
THINK ABOUT MY OFFER.

I- I ALREADY TOLD YOU,
I WON'T BE QUITTING!
YOU MIGHT OWE KITAGAWA-SAN,
I'M NOT PLANNING ON GIVING UP EITHER

HEY, UEHARA!
COME HERE A MOMENT
HEY HEY HEY...
WHAT ARE THEY
GLARE
HEY... SOMETHING REALLY WEIRD IS GOING ON HERE!
AND HE'S GLARING AT ME
UM,
YES?
I OVERHEARD YOU TWO
WHAT'S THIS "OFFER"? I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THIS
SHOCK

UM WELL...
I MEAN...
SO THAT S WHAT IT IS
HAAA
YOU RE BEING RECRUITED AS A CHEF FOR THE MAIN KITCHEN.
NOD
NOD
BUT I CAN T TELL HIM THE OTHER PART
ABOUT HOW I M TROUBLED BECAUSE HE K SSED ME.
AND NOT EVEN MEN- TIONING IT TO ME—
WELL THAT S AN HEIR FOR YOU

...HUH?
OH, RIGHT I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU
NAKAJOU AKIHITO IS THE SON OF THE PRESIDENT OF NJ CREATIVE
WHAT THE HELL?
I HEARD THE PRESIDENT TOLD HIM TO "SEE THE WORLD". SO HE CAME TO THIS BRANCH TO GAIN EXPERIENCE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M HEARING THIS.
OH SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS
THAT'S WHY HE OFFERED ME A JOB
SO HE JUST PITIES ME BECAUSE OF MY PAST?

"I TOOK A LIKING TO YOU."
IF THOSE WORDS ARE TRUE AND HE BROUGHT UP THE JOB OFFER...

DID HE THINK I WAS THE TYPE TO FALL FOR THAT?
I'M SO PATHETIC
ARE YOU OKAY UEHARA?
YOUR FACE WENT ALL PALE..
HUH? OH..
I AM FINE
WAIT WHAT IS THIS?
WHY...
WHY AM I SO SHOCKED?

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THAT RICH BOY!
CLICK
RISING
UEHARA KUN
RISING
YYY
YYY
YYY
IS SOMETHING WRONG? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE CALLED ME ON MY CELLPHONE.
I HEARD THAT YOU'RE THE SON OF THE PRESIDENT
I HAD NO IDEA.
DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO FOLLOW YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO RECRUIT ME?
...

NO
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
Y-YEAH, RIGHT? YOU EVEN DID... THAT KIND OF THING
LIKE I SAID. THAT'S NOT... UGH. NEVER MIND!
WAIT AT THE STORE FOR 30 MINUTES. OKAY? STAY THERE.
BEEP
TH-THAT BASTARD!
BEEP BEEP
BEEP
HE HUNG UP ON ME!
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU DURING CLEAN UP.

MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH UEHARA-KUN?
WAIT A SECOND BEFORE THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME, DON'T YOU?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S AGAINST THE RULES NOT TO TELL ME ABOUT OFFERING UEHARA A JOB?
!
THAT'S RIGHT. I UNDER-STAND
BUT-
YOU "WANTED TO SUPPORT HIM"
IN THAT SENSE, I'M THE SAME EVEN THOUGH OUR METHODS ARE DIFFER-ENT
RIGHT?
HE'S WAITING IN THE OFFICE. SO JUST TALK TO HIM
THEN I'LL LET THIS GO
...
NEXT TIME, IT WON'T MATTER IF YOU'RE THE HEIR. I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

...
I'M SORRY THAT I BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF RECRUITING YOU I ALSO GOT LECTURED BY KITAGAWA-SAN
I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST TO TALK DIRECTLY
YES..
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I WAS GOING TO REFUSE ANYWAY.
I JUST WANTED YOU TO WORK IN A NICE ENVIRONMENT-
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

YOU SAID THINGS LIKE "I TOOK A LIKING TO YOU"
YOU EVEN KI-KISSED ME!
SOMETHING HURTS DEEP IN MY CHEST
SLAM
WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO THINK?!
IT'S FILLED WITH SADNESS AND REGRET
AND THEN YOU OFFER ME A JOB
WHEN I REFUSE YOU JUST SAY "I'M NOT GIVING UP"
BECAUSE YOU SAID THOSE KINDS OF THINGS I..

I WAS HOPING...
THAT MR. JOU-SAN WOULD KEEP ON HAVING THESE FEELINGS FOR ME.
I...
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE REFUSING HIM... I SHOULD BE ASHAMED.
I HAD NO INTENTIONS OF TESTING HIM,
BUT... BECAUSE HE WAS SO DIRECT, I COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT I HONESTLY
I ALSO THINK I WENT TOO FAR.
...LIKE THIS MAN.

BUT...
...ANYONE WOULD WANT TO HELP THE PERSON THEY LIKE
I STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU...
THIS PERSON...
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP
I WANT TO SUPPORT YOU

STILL
WON'T GIVE UP ON ME
NGH...
!
S-SAY THAT FROM THE START, STUPID!
WHA... YOU'RE TERRIBLE! AT LEAST BE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE CRYING!
IF YOU HAD TOLD ME THAT FROM THE START,
THEN I WOULD'VE
...ADMITTED THAT I LIKE YOU, TOO

!
NN
DAMN, YOUR CRYING FACE IS TOO CUTE
CLOSE
SIT HERE

NN!
HAA!
KISS
HUH? AH
HAA.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ALL THE-
AH!
ZIP
RELAX I WON'T GO ALL THE WAY
STROKE
STROKE
STROKE
SQUELCH
WELL ANYWAY
!
AH!
WE'LL JUST STOP HERE FOR TODAY

STOP HERE?
WE'VE ALREADY GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE!
TOUCH
UNCLASP
NGH!
!
HAA AH

I'M NOT PLANNING ON QUITTING KITASAWA IS THAT OKAY?
YEAH IT'S YOUR DECISION
NAKA-JOU-SAN
I...
STORY
YEAH?
BUT
EVERY TIME I COME HERE I'LL BE REMINDED OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED
WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? NOW I'M GONNA BE REMINDED TOO! YOU KNOW I COME HERE EVERY DAY!
HA HA HA!

DON'T BE SO ANGRY
WHEN I RUN THE COMPANY, I'LL LET YOU OWN THE STORE
KISS
NN
SO BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, MAKE SURE YOU BECOME THE BEST CHEF

YOU'RE TOO CONFIDENT!
AND HE'S KISSING ME AGAIN!
HE'S
THIS NEW LOVER OF MINE
DON'T WORRY I'M A MAN OF MY WORD
SAYS THINGS LIKE THIS SO EASILY